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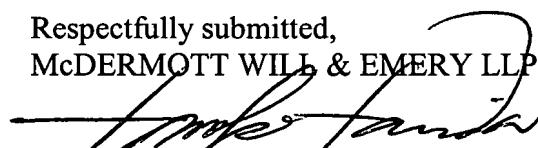
At the time of the Office Action of March 21, 2007, claims 1-8 were pending. Of those claims, claim 8 has been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b). Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected.

In this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation recited in allowable claim 2, and claim 2 canceled. Care has been exercised to avoid introduction of new matter. Based on this Amendment, Applicant respectfully solicits withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) evidenced by Vardi (paragraph 4 of the Office Action).

Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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